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Subject: Amherst Drug Lab Update

Hello

On Friday morning the Supervisors in the Amherst Drug Lab expressed concerns regarding the handling of evidence by one of the forensic scientists in the laboratory. Major Connolly, Nancy Brooks, Matt Juhascik and I along with MSP Investigators responded to the laboratory to speak with the personnel about the concerns. Unfortunately, there appeared to be mishandling of evidence by a particular FSII, Sonja Farak. Due to the nature of the concerns, the alleged misconduct was brought to the attention of the DA's Office and the Attorney General's Office for further investigation.

At this time, the Amherst facility has been temporarily closed and the remaining personnel will be reporting to Sudbury until further notice. The logistics for the current casework and submissions are being finalized and we will keep you apprised of the plan as we move forward. Please know that we understand this is an extremely difficult time for all involved and appreciate your assistance and patience as we move forward.

Thank you

Major Connolly and Kristen